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The management in United Technologies Automotive (UTA) in Derry are trying to force a new shift system into the factory. There are many similarities between UTA and Packard Electric, both are subsiduaries of multi-nationals. UTA is one of the biggest employers in the city and the majority of the workers are women.

Management are also using the same sort of threats against the workers. UTA boses have threatened that if shift work isn't accepted they will transfer 25 % of Ford work to Hungary and 25% of work to Portugal.

The management are using the threat of the dole to try and force workers into accepting worse conditions. This is the same argument management in Packard used to force workers to accept the deal. When one group of workers agree to accept cuts this gives confidence to other boses to attack pay and conditions.

But despite this brow beating by management and lack of support from their Union, workers have voted against the shift work three times! Workers in UTA are in the same fight against the management's bully-boy tatics . Packard workers should support them every step of the way.

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